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SUBJECT: PRE-IG REVIEW OF BARBADOS CASP

REF: A-17 OF MARCH 18, 1974

1. PRE-IG REVIEW OF BARBADOS CASP WAS HELD ON JUNE 20. THE CASP WAS COMPLIMENTED FOR ITS STYLE AND TIGHT ORGANIZATION AND FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S OVERVIEW, WHICH PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT SETTING FOR THE PROBLEMS FACING THE UNITED STATES IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN IN THE COMING YEARS.

2. THE PRE-IG REVIEWED BOTH MAJOR ISSUES RAISED IN THE CASP. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION NECESSARY BEFORE THE PRE-IG COULD REACH
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CONSENSUS ON ISSUE NO. 1. THE PRE-IG AGREED NOT TO CONTEST

THE ISC DECISION TO TERMINATE THE PL-480 TITLE II PROGRAM IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN. AMONG THE AGENCIES OPPOSED TO THE RESTORATION OF PL-480 WERE AID/FFP, AND LA/DP, USDA, AND OMB. THE PRINCIPAL REASONS GIVEN FOR THEIR POSITION WERE GENERAL AND SERIOUS COMMODITY SHORTAGES, THE HIGH COST PER BENEFICIARY RESULTING FROM THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM, THE RELUCTANCE OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO RETURN WITHOUT AN ASSURANCE THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD NOT AGAIN BE TERMINATED, HIGHER PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE (NOTABLY AFRICAN FAMINE TERRITORIES) AND LASTLY BECAUSE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS HAVE NOT PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE RECIPIENTS DUE TO MALNUTRITION. THE PRE-IG ALSO DISCUSSED ISSUE NO. 2, WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR BE

AUTHORIZED TO USE THE REGIONAL SDAF FOR GRENADA IN ADDITION TO BARBADOS. BECAUSE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER COUNTRY AS WELL AS THE PRECEDENT SET FOR OTHER ISLANDS THAT MAY GAIN INDEPENDENCE IN THE FUTURE, AID IS NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF THE SDAF TO GRENADA. BOTH MAJOR ISSUES WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN THE IG MEETS ON JULY 9.

3. FOLLOWING CHANGES IN TEXT SUGGESTED:

PAGE 11. CHANGE HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR FY 75 AND FY 76 TO MEDIUM. UNDER EXPLANATION OF ASSIGNED LEVEL OF CONCERN CHANGE "RATED HIGH" TO "RATED MEDIUM". REASON - WHILE THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ARE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A THREAT TO THEIR CONTINUED OPERATION DURING THE CASP TIME FRAME.

PAGE 32. PEACE CORPS. U.S. DOLLAR RESOURCES FOR FY 75 PROGRAM 454, ADMINISTRATIVE 180, AND TRAINING 170; FY 76, PROGRAM 454, ADMINISTRATIVE 170, TRAINING 120.

4. IG IS SCHEDULED TO MEET JULY 9, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESPONSE BY JULY 4. SISCO

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